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NRO REVIEW COMPLETED

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NOTE FOR:

SUBJECT :

Chairman, COMIREX. Comments on Draft NRO
Agreement

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1. As a general comment, I believe that the 21 October draft Agreement for the NRP needs quite a bit of sharpening and tightening if it is intended to serve as an effective charter which can be used broadly. I assume that many of the loose or ambiguous elements will emerge in the course of coordination and comment.

2. I recommend the following changes to this particular draft:

Top of Page 2, change as follows:

"It will be designated as a highly classified separate operating agency and will not be subjected to normal review or oversight, establish independent fiscal control and accounting procedures which insure that all funds expended in support of the NRP are fully accounted for and appropriately utilized by the agencies concerned."

(REASON: I don't know whether the recommended addition is what is

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intended in practice, but I believe a clause which excludes "normal review or oversight" could be misconstrued.)

Middle of Page 2:

I do not have a specific substitute recommendation, but the language used to outline various things, under "Responsibilities", which the D/NRO is to "assure" is vague and ambiguous. I have the impression that this listing should either be consolidated and generalized still further, or else be expanded and made more concrete. As written, I believe it could mean so many things to so many people as to be of little practical utility.

Top of Page 3; first paragraph, change to read:

"The Director of Central Intelligence in consultation with the United States Intelligence Board, is responsible to the United States Government for proper establishment of collection priorities and requirements to be satisfied through national satellite reconnaissance; reviewing the results obtained by the NRP and for the balancing of the level of satellite collection and exploitation in order to optimize intelligence output. He will also provide security policy guidance to maintain a uniform system within the NRP."

(REASON: Self-explanatory, and to provide parallelism with omnibus NSCID.)

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